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DUPRAVA DENIES BLOWING UP HOUSE.

Told the Prosecutor That If He Did It He Would Have Used More Dynamite.

OGLE PERJURY CASE TODAY.

Women Gather to Give Testimony and Hear Case of Stanley and Adams Charged With Robbing Aged Mr. and Mrs. William Yauger at Cool Spring.

UNIONTOWN, March 12.—The attention of both courts was taken up all morning with the hearing of two cases that were started yesterday before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen. The case of Peter Duprava charged with dynamiting the house of Waste Dubak on the Miller farm in McAllegher township is being heard. The dynamiting occurred last June and the force of the explosion tipped off the door of the house throwing Dubak his wife and six children from bed and injuring his little daughter. The defense is being represented by Attorneys McKee and Brownfield and Assistant District Attorney George Patterson represented the commonwealth.

Duprava claims that he was sitting in another house drinking beer with friends when the explosion occurred and that he ran out to see what happened. He was met by Dubak who accused him of doing the job. Duprava became mad and said that if he had done it he would have placed two sticks under the house instead of one. The prosecution further developed that some one told Duprava that he would get ten years for the job and Duprava went away to New York. He came back however. He said that he was scared but that he was innocent of the dynamiting. Attorney McKee made the argument to the jury just before the noon recess.

Before Judge Umble the perjury case against Charles Ogle charged with giving false testimony in the case of James Clark is being heard. Clark was prosecuted for the theft of five cattle from the farm of Judge James C. Work in Dunbar township convicted and sent to the workhouse. It is alleged that the testimony given at this trial was false. Former District Attorney T. H. Hudson is prosecuting in the case the latest case having been tried during his term. Attorneys Dumbauld and Chappening are defending Miss Ogle.

It was expected this morning that the case against John Stanley and John Abrams charged with the robbery of aged Mr. and Mrs. William Yauger at Cool Spring would come up early this morning but owing to the cases on trial being prolonged it was not taken up. There were a large number of ladies in court to witness this case as well as to give testimony. It will very likely consume all the afternoon session of one of the courts and the greatest part of tomorrow.

MISSED HIS TRAIN

And is Arrested on a Charge of False Pretense is Italian's Predicament.

Guiseppe Tomosone was prosecuted before Magistrate W. P. Clark this morning by Dominic Glosso on a charge of false pretense. The prosecutor alleged that the defendant came to him and represented that he had property and that he allowed him to have goods to the amount of \$9.15 and that yesterday he prepared to leave for New York.

Tomosone became drunk in Connellville and didn't get out last night, but instead ran into Constable Joseph Crossland who arrested him. This morning the case was settled by payment of the bill and costs.

JAPAN'S BLUFF

Appears to Have Been Called by China And She is Now Willing to Make Terms.

United Press Telegram.—PEKING, March 12.—It looks as if China has called Japan's bluff in the Tientsin-Mukden case and forced the Mikado to lay down. At all events the Japanese foreign office is doing exactly what it swore it would not do—negotiate for compromise. It acts as if it would be glad to get the best terms it can to save its face. Just what Tokio abandoned its unyielding attitude in no clear.

Licensed to Wed.—Ken Collins and Miss Jeanne Bunnelle both of Connellville were granted a marriage license in Pittsburgh today.

Want a Mining Bureau Located in Connellville.

The Board of Trustees of Carnegie Free Library are making an effort to induce Congress to establish the much desired Bureau of Mines on Bureau of Technology in connection with the United States Geological Survey. It is proposed to establish a Bureau of this sort in Western Pennsylvania where the mining interests are so great and the trustees of the Carnegie Library will leave nothing undone to have the headquarters of the Bureau located in Connellville the center of the greatest coke region in the world or at least to have a branch of the Bureau stationed here.

The purpose of the establishment of the Bureau is to place coal mines under the close scrutiny of Government experts at all times. Laboratories will test coals and explosives and will assist in making mine proofs.

The influence of work of the most recent coke operations in the Connellville region will likely be solicited to secure the location of the Bureau either at the Carnegie Library or a branch thereof for testing purposes. Such a Bureau could be established on ground of the Carnegie Library. Connellville is a better location for the Bureau than Pittsburgh could be. The city is on the edge of a great coal field while Pittsburgh is in the center and also adjacent to the great beds of West Virginia.

NOT AFRAID TO SQUEAL.
Jennings Risker Having His Hide Nailed to Door as Threatened.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., March 12. (Special).—Thieves entered the studio of H. A. Jennings of Cheat Neck this county killed and quartered a youngling and nailed the hide to the door of Jennings home with the following note: Don't squeal about this or your own hide will be nailed to the door.

The noisy miscreants got away with nine hundred several barrels of potatoes and other provisions. Jennings squealed and waiters have been hired for the suspected men.

DARR RELIEF.

Treasurer E. W. Horner Will Make His Report to the Executive Committee at Pittsburgh.

E. W. Horner Treasurer of the Darr Mine Relief Association of Connellville this morning completed his report which has been audited by E. R. Hoots and will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the General Relief Association in Pittsburgh at their meeting tomorrow.

The report in detail is as follows:
Dues: \$100.00
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SPECIAL MATINEE

Of "Fifty Miles From Boston" With Mrs. Hopper as Star at Soloson March 19.

Fred Robbins manager of the Soloson theatre has made special arrangements with the Fifty Miles From Boston in which Edna Wilcox Hopper is starring for a special matinee of \$1.00. The matinee will be given on March 19. Mrs. Robbins is fortunate in securing the company to present a matinee and there is no doubt but what there will be a packed house. Fifty Miles From Boston is playing this week at the Broadway theatre New York. The same company comes to Connellville.

SHOT NEGRO

Who Was Jolied Against Him in Quarrel That Followed and Negro Falls Dead at His Feet.

United Press Telegram.—CHICAGO, March 12.—James McDonald, a colored man, was shot and killed by a white man, John Smith, in a quarrel that followed a dispute over a woman. McDonald was shot in the chest and fell dead at his feet.

LONG LIVED ANIMALS

Irish Setter and Horse Both Famous in Greene County.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12. (Special).—An Irish setter and a horse both famous in Greene County, Pa., have been found to be the same animal. The Irish setter was found to be the same animal as the horse.

AGED WOMAN FATALITY BURNED

While Mrs. Sarah Young Was in Her Bathing Tub.

While Mrs. Sarah Young was in her bathing tub, she was fatally burned. The fire started in the room and spread to the tub.

BASKET BALL

The local high school basketball team will play the C. E. S. team at the C. E. S. gymnasium on Saturday night.

NEGRO SHOT IN ARM.

Harry Johnson, An Adelaide Man, Victim of a Foreigner.

HAD A QUARREL ON THE STREET.

Shooting Caused Excitement in Borough Across the River—The Foreigners Are Said to Be Residents of Swagertown.

As the result of a quarrel which occurred in New Haven last night about 9 o'clock Harry Johnson, a colored man, was shot in the arm. Johnson was shot by a foreigner who was with him on the street. Johnson was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

GAVE POLICE BATTLE.

Jim Gillan and Gus Douthit, Negroes, Bump Into Wrong Fellows.

Both Fined \$10 This Morning.

Fierce Fight Took Place in Water Street Bar Room While the Officers Were Looking for Suspicious Characters in Plain Clothes.

Jim Gillan and Gus Douthit, two negroes, were fined \$10 each this morning for giving the police a battle in a bar room. The fight took place in the Water Street bar room while the officers were looking for suspicious characters in plain clothes.

Coupon Contest.

Miss Gilmore is Leading by Good Margin With Other Leaders Bunched Well.

Miss Gilmore is leading by a good margin in the coupon contest. She has collected a large number of coupons and is well ahead of the other leaders.

FALSE ALARM.

Box 221 Has Called the Department Out Frequently on Wild Goose Chases.

Box 221 has called the department out frequently on wild goose chases. The department has been called out several times to investigate the box.

FLAYS SNYDER.

Attorney Schmitt in Concluding Graft Argument Says He Did Not Confine Himself to Truth.

Attorney Schmitt, in concluding his argument in the Snyder case, said that he did not confine himself to the truth. He said that he had to say what he thought was best for his client.

DIED SMILING.

Nearby B. Holmes, Who Killed His Sweetheart Executed in Pittsburgh Today.

Nearby B. Holmes, who killed his sweetheart, was executed in Pittsburgh today. Holmes was found guilty of the murder and was sentenced to death.

AN ELOPEMENT.

Alva Blacey of New Haven and Miss Elvira Gallagher, Young Lady of Vanderbilt.

Alva Blacey of New Haven and Miss Elvira Gallagher, a young lady of the Vanderbilt family, have eloped. They were seen together in New York.

IN MAGDALENA BAY.

Battle ship Fleet Arrives Four Days Ahead of the Schedule.

A battle ship fleet arrived in Magdalena Bay four days ahead of the schedule. The fleet was on its way to the Philippines.

QUEEN'S WILD JOY

At Safe Return of Alphonso From City of Alachua.

Alphonso, the queen's pet, returned safely from the city of Alachua. He was found to be in good health and was very happy to see his master.

COAL HOUSES BURN.

First Blaze in Star Junction Today for a Long Time.

A fire broke out in a coal house in Star Junction today. The fire was quickly extinguished and no one was injured.

DIED OF SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS.

After Being Injured for Some Days Mrs. Beatrice Collins, who Attempted Suicide, Died in Tenth Street Hospital Last Night at 11 o'clock.

WORKING CAPITAL OF THE U. S. STEEL.

Big Corporation Worrying Along on Something Like \$240,000,000.

The working capital of the U. S. Steel Corporation is estimated to be about \$240,000,000. The corporation is currently in a state of financial distress.

CASH HOLDINGS \$75,000,000.

Strength of Steel Shares Recently is Attributable to Forthcoming Annual Report Which Will Show Company to Be Very Strong.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Planning Many Things.

A general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at the city hall. The meeting will discuss many important matters.

WOMEN GATHER TO GIVE TESTIMONY AND HEAR CASE OF STANLEY AND ADAMS CHARGED WITH ROBBERY OF AGED MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM YAUGER AT COOL SPRING.

The women of the community gathered today to give testimony and hear the case of Stanley and Adams charged with the robbery of aged Mr. and Mrs. William Yauger at Cool Spring.

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THE Princess Virginia

By C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON,
Authors of "The Lightning Conductor," "Rose-
mary in Search of a Father," etc.

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The storm had burst at last, and the princess fell on her knees by the sofa, where, burying her face in her mother's lap, she sobbed as if parting with her youth.

There had always been mental and temperamental differences between the Dresden china lady and her daughter, but they loved each other, and never had the girl been so dear to her mother as now. The grand duchess thought of the summer day when Virginia had knelt beside her, saying, "We are going to have an adventure, you and I."

Alas, the adventure was over, and summer and hope were dead! Tears trembled in the mother's eyes. Poor little Virginia, so young, so unexpected and, in spite of her self will and recklessness, so sweet and loving withal!

"But, dear, you are making the worst of things," the grand duchess said soothingly, her hand on the girl's bright hair. "Why, instead of crying, you ought to be smiling. I think, Leopold must love you just as much as he would never have proposed marriage, even a morganatic marriage. Just at first the idea must have shocked you, knowing who you are. But, remember, if you were Miss Mowbray it would have been a triumph. Many women of high position have married royalists morganatically, and every one has respected them. You seem to forget that the emperor knows you only as Helen Mowbray."

"He ought to have known that Helen Mowbray was not the girl to consent to, not more easily than Virginia of Baumburg-Drippe. He should have understood without telling that to a girl with Anglo-Saxon blood in her veins such an offer would be like a blow over the heart."

"How should he understand it? He is Rhodian. His point of view—"

"His point of view to me is terrible. Oh, mother, it's useless to argue! Everything is spoiled. Of course if he knew I was Princess Virginia he would be sorry for what he had proposed, even if he thought I'd brought it on myself. But then it would be too late. You don't understand? I ruined his love because it was given to me, not the princess. If he said, 'Now I know you I can offer my right hand instead of my left to you as my wife,' that would not be the same thing at all. No, there's nothing left but to go home, and the emperor of Rhodia must be told that Virginia of Baumburg-Drippe has decided not to marry. That will be our one revenge, but a pitiful one, since he'll never know that the princess who refuses his right hand and the Helen Mowbray who wouldn't take his left are the same. Let Oh, mother, I did love him so! Let us get out of this hateful house as soon as we can."

The grand duchess knew her daughter and abandoned hope. "Yes, if you will not forgive him we must go at once and save our dignity if we can," she said. "The telegram will give us our excuse. I told the baroness I had received bad news, and she asked permission to knock at my door before going to bed and inquire how I was feeling. She may come at any moment. We must say that the telegram reveals us immediately to England."

"Listen," whispered Virginia. "I think there's some one at the door now."

Baroness von Lyndal stood against on hearing that she was to be deserted early in the morning by the bright particular star of her house party—after the emperor. She begged that Lady Mowbray would reconsider; that she would write to England instead of going, or, at all events, that she would wait for one day more until Leopold's visit to Schloss Lyndalberg should be over.

In her anxiety she even failed in tact when she found arguments useless.

"But the emperor!" she objected. "If he goes off early in the morning before he or any one comes down, what will he think? What will he say at being cheated out of his au revoir?"

The grand duchess hesitated. But Virginia answered firmly: "I said good-bye to him tonight. The emperor will understand."

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Breakfast at Schloss Lyndalberg was an informal meal under the reign of Mechtild. Those who were socially inclined appeared only by the side of their spouses until the day was older in their rooms.

Leopold had shown himself at the table each morning, however, and so the fashion. And the day after the parting in the garden he was earlier than usual. It was easy to be early, as he had not been to bed that night, but he had an extra incentive. He could scarcely wait to see how Helen Mowbray would meet him, and whether she would still be cold or whether sound advice from her mother would have made her kind.

This was his last day at Lyndalberg. By his special request no program of entertainment had been arranged, and before coming down to breakfast Leopold had been turning over in his mind plan after plan for another phase of meeting the girl alone. He

had even written a letter, but had torn it up because he was unable to say on paper what was really in his heart.

Breakfast passed, however, and when she did not appear Leopold grew restless. He did not ask for her before the others, but when he and the baroness had strolled out together on the terrace, where white parrots spread their jeweled tails, the emperor sought some opportunity of bringing in the name that filled his thoughts.

"I see the red October lilies are opening," he said. "Miss Mowbray will be interested. She tells me there's nothing like them in England."

"Ah, she has gone just too soon!" sighed the baroness.

The emperor glanced quickly from the mass of crimson flowers to his hostess' face. "Gone?" he repeated.

"Yes," the baroness answered. "They must have reached Kronburg before this. You know, they left their companion there. Perhaps your majesty did not notice that they were leaving here quite so early?"

He turned so white under the brown tan the mountains had given that the baroness was alarmed. She had taken Virginia's words as Virginia had meant her to take them and therefore supposed that a formal farewell of some sort had been spoken. This impression did not prevent her from guessing that there must have been a misunderstanding, and she was struggling with a lively curiosity which she was obliged carefully to hide.

The romance which had been enacted under her eyes she believed to be largely of her own making, and, not being a hard hearted woman, she had not given food of Virginia's story and even had prays of consequence, and though she did not see the way for a happy ending to the pretty drama, it distressed her that the curtain should go down on sadness.

"I did not know they were going at all," Leopold answered frankly, willing to sacrifice his pride for the sake of coming quickly at the truth.

"Oh?" exclaimed the baroness, "and distressed! Miss Mowbray distinctly said when I begged that they would wait. 'The emperor will understand.' 'I do understand now I know they have gone.'"

"But Miss Mowbray thinks she has some cause of complaint against me, and she's mistaken. I can't let such a misunderstanding go uncorrected. You say they must be at Kronburg before this. Are they singing on there?"

"I'm afraid not, your majesty. They leave Kronburg for England today by the Orient express."

"Do you happen to remember at what hour the train starts?"

"I believe at 11."

Leopold pulled out his watch. It was twenty minutes past 11. Forty times, sixty seconds and the girl would be gone!

The blood rushed to his face. Barring accidents, he could catch her if he ordered his motor car and left at once. But to cut short his visit at Schloss Lyndalberg would be virtually to take the world into his secret. Let him allege important state business at the capital if he chose, gossip would still say that the girl had fled; that he had pursued her. The baroness knew already. Others would chatter as if they knew. That was inevitable—if he went.

A month ago, when yielding to inclination meant humbling his pride as emperor and man such a question would have answered itself. Now it answered itself also, the only difference being that the answer was exactly opposite to what it would have been a month earlier.

"Baroness, forgive me," he said quickly. "I must go. I can't explain."

"You need not try," she answered softly.

"Thank you a hundred times. Make everything as straight for me as you can. Say what you will. I give you carte blanche, for we're old friends, and I trust you."

"It's for me to thank your majesty. You wait your motor car?"

"Yes."

"I'll telephone. Your chauffeur will have it here in six minutes. And your maid—"

"I don't want him, thanks. I'd rather go alone."

Several minutes later the big white motor car was at the door which was the private entrance to the emperor's suite, and the emperor was waiting for it, having forgotten all about the subtle blue coat which had been a present from the car. If it had been midwinter he would have forgotten, just the same, as he would have known that it was cold.

There was plenty of time now to carry out his plan, which was to reach the Orient express at the Kronburg station and present himself to the Mowbrays in the train later. As to what would happen afterward, it was beyond planning, but Leopold knew that the girl had loved him, and he hoped that he would have Lady Mowbray on his side.

The only way of reaching Kronburg from Schloss Lyndalberg was by road. There was no railway connection between the two places. But the town and the castle were separated by a short eight miles, and well checked by traffic in the suburbs the sixty horsemen could cover a little in less than two minutes.

Unfortunately, however, police regulations were strict, and of this Leopold could not complain, as he had approved them himself. Once he was stopped and would certainly not have been allowed to proceed had he not revealed himself as the emperor, the owner of the one unnumbered car in Rhodia. As it was, he had suffered a delay of five minutes, and just as he was congratulating himself on the goodness of his fate, which had made him no trouble for many weeks, a loud report as of a pistol shot gave warning of a puncture.

But here was not a moment to waste on repairs. Leopold drove on on the rim, only to acknowledge presently the truth of an old proverb, "The more haste the less speed."

Delighted by a torn and flapping tire, the car arrived at the big central station of Kronburg only five minutes before 12. Leopold dashed in, careless whether he were recognized or not, and was surprised at the absence of the crowd which usually thronged the platform before the departure of the most important train of the day.

"Is the Orient express late?" he asked of an inspector to whom he was but a man among other men.

"No, sir. Just on time. Went out five minutes ago."

"But it isn't due to start till 12!"

"Summer time table, sir. Autumn time table is in effect today, the 1st of October. Orient express departure changed to 11:50."

An unexplained rage against fate boiled in the emperor's breast. He ruled this country, yet everything in it seemed to conspire in a plot to wreck his dearest desire.

For a few seconds he stood speechless, feeling as if he had been dashed against a blank wall and there were no way of getting around it. Yet the seconds were but few, for Leopold was not a man of slow decisions.

His first step was to inquire the name of the town at which the Orient express stopped next. In three minutes he knew it would reach Kronburg, the next station on the Rhodian side of the frontier.

His first thought on hearing this was to engage a special and follow. But even in these days there's much to be learned with railway regulations in Rhodia. It soon appeared that it would be quicker to take the train than to follow, which would save to leave in half an hour and would arrive only an hour later than the Orient express.

Leopold's heart was chilled, but he shook off despondency and would not be deterred. Telephoning to the hotel where the Mowbrays had been stopping, he learned that they had gone. Then he wrote out a telegram.

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CAUSE KEPT SECRET.

Evelyn Thaw Says Public Will Never Learn Why She Seeks Freedom.

PAPERS SERVED AT MATTEAWAN

Also Upon Harry Thaw's Mother at Hotel Lorraine—Husband Defrays Wife's Expenses While She Fights in Courts for Her Release.

New York, March 12.—Harry K. Thaw was served with a copy of the summons and complaint in the proceedings brought by his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, to annul their marriage. A messenger delivered the papers to Thaw at the Matteawan insane asylum, and about the same time Mrs. William Copley Thaw, who is made a co-defendant, was served at the Hotel Lorraine in this city.

Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, explained that Thaw's mother was made a co-defendant because, being the next of kin, she is technically the real defendant. Mrs. Evelyn Thaw called at Mr. O'Reilly's office and attached her signature to the papers in the case. As she left the office Mrs. Thaw was asked whether she would subsequently make public the cause of the estrangement which led to the suit. She replied:

"The public will never know."

The papers served briefly recite the fact of the marriage at Pittsburgh on April 4, 1905, and set forth "that at the time of the marriage of the plaintiff to the defendant the defendant was a lunatic and of unsound mind and was incapable of making a valid contract of marriage. The cause for annulling the marriage, to wit, the lunacy of Harry Kendall Thaw, existed at the time of such marriage."

Lawyer O'Reilly said that he did not anticipate any trouble in obtaining from the defendant counsel fees and alimony. A. Russell Paabody, counsel for Thaw, said: "It will not be necessary for Evelyn to go to the courts in order to get counsel fees and alimony while the suit is pending. She has been getting money from me to pay her expenses while Harry is confined and this will be continued during the trial of the annulment suit. I shall fight the case upon instructions from my client and shall represent him personally in the defense."

The matter of a cash settlement upon the plaintiff has not been taken up, Mr. Paabody said.

CORONER BLAMES NO ONE

Says Faulty Exit Caused Disaster at Collinwood School.

Cleveland, March 12.—Coroner Burke has rendered his decision in the Collinwood school fire. Conditions are blamed but no fault is charged to anyone. Fred Hiltner, the janitor, is exonerated. The coroner says Hiltner was at his post when the fire broke out and that he duly gave the alarm upon discovering the fire and that he opened the front and rear doors.

The coroner found that the fire started in a closet under the front stairway and was caused by overheated pipes, which ignited the main way. The death of the children, he says, was due to faulty construction whereby a partition projected in front of the stairway at the bottom, making the children turn out of the way in their rush for the door. He holds that the children became panic-stricken and were jammed in the doorway because of the turn in the hall to get to the door.

The coroner recommended that the state legislature pass a law to make all school buildings fireproof and that automatic devices be put in the buildings to further safeguard the lives of the children.

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